

Indiana Professional Standards Board
External Committee for
School Counseling Selections

September 20, 2002

Members Present: Charlene Alexander, Brad Balch, Peggy Hines, Mike Horvath, Tom Keller, Susie Matzat, Lin Metzger, Nellie Moore, Sue Reynolds, Kay Schrader, Shawn Sriver, Rex Stockton

Members Absent: Jeff Baer

The External Committee for School Counselors of the Professional Standards Board convened at 9:00 a.m. on September 20, 2002, at the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township Community Building at 1220 South High School Road.

Peggy Hines called the meeting to order. Minutes and agenda were reviewed. Peggy announced that the board accepted our recommendations for changes to license framework. Peggy reported on her presentation to the board.

The language for an emergency permit for school counselors was developed. This is similar to the emergency permit for administrators. A working copy of the document will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

The assessment period was discussed. A vision was developed to determine what the committee wants as an outcome of this process. This includes the proficiency of the standards by the practitioner, the accountability of programs, the mentorsip, the continuing education piece, a portfolio, a portfolio handbook, and a mentor handbook.

The draft copy of the Guide to the BTAP for Beginning Teachers 2002-2003 was reviewed. Shawn pointed out the standard pages and those that would need modification. Sue Reynolds volunteered to take this draft and adapt it to the school counselor for presentation at the next meeting. Brad Balch will also present information from the administrative committee applicable to this as well.

During a working lunch, it was recommended that Sue Reynolds and Peggy Hines serve as members of a task force facilitated by Brad Balch. This task force will be composed of counselors and administrators and will make a recommendation regarding the school counselor entering the Direction of Exceptional Needs licensure track.

The scoring of the portfolios, training of the readers, and rubrics used

were discussed. Sue Reynolds distributed a draft copy of the Indiana Academic Standards for Student Guidance. At the completion of the Gold Star Guidance Program, schools will have access to IPSB school counseling standards, the student guidance standards, and the program standards.

Tom Keller shared his preliminary findings in his research. He surveyed first- and second-year counselors and asked them to rate themselves on the standards developed by this committee. This information may be helpful in developing portfolio requirements.

Next Meeting: October 9, 2002, at the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township Community Building at 1220 South High School Road.